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Ambassador to the
United States

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Mr. Ambassador



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A distinguished career diplomat, Walter Loridan, 63, has been Ambassador to the United States since December 1969. He had previously served as Ambassador to West Germany since 1965. Loridan is no stranger to this country, having served in Washington as First Secretary of Embassy during World War II and in New York as Permanent Representative to the United Nations (1959-65).

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Loridan holds a doctorate in political science from the Free University of Brussels. He entered the Foreign Office in 1934 and has served in Poland, Spain, Mexico, Great Britain and the Soviet Union.

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